

2006 Legislative Priorities

The Council on Postsecondary Education's 2006-2008 biennial budget request is focused and ambitious. It is built around priority areas essential to the continued progress in meeting the goals of the reform legislation and the public agenda.

Priority 1– Base funding for adult education, the postsecondary education institutions, and the Council on Postsecondary Education to support core services and growing student enrollment.

Priority 2– Strategic incentive funding increases for critical reform initiatives including research, regional stewardship, science, technology, and workforce development.

Priority 3– Capital funding for 19 instructional and research/economic development projects as well as funding to support building renewal, replacement and maintenance, and information technology.

Priority 4– Special initiative funding to address key postsecondary issues and needs including retention and affordability, college preparation, principal leadership, and minority programs.

Kentucky's System of Postsecondary and Adult Education

By the Numbers

235,083 College and University Students

539,000 Postsecondary Alumni

125,000 Adult Education Students

55,000 Students Served by KYVE

25,790 Postsecondary Faculty and Staff

900 Adult Education Instructors

120 Adult Education Programs

8 Public Universities

16 Community and Technical Colleges

20 Independent Colleges and Universities

ONE MISSION
Better Lives for Kentucky's People

HIGHER EDUCATION



HIGHER RETURN



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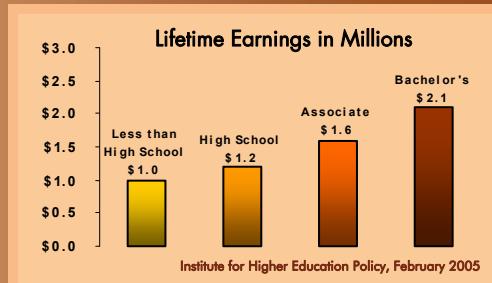


HIGHER paying jobs demand HIGHER education

Increased degree production and higher levels of educational attainment can transform Kentucky's economy and quality of life. Kentucky is at a disadvantage in the race for knowledge economy jobs required to sustain our future. In the five states with the highest per capita income, more than 34% of adults have at least a bachelor's degree. In Kentucky only 21% do, making us 47th in the nation.

Consider this:

Over a lifetime, a person with a bachelor's degree on average earns \$1 million more than a high school graduate.



Kentucky has made progress, but we still have a long way to go

Significant investment by the state since 1998 has led to significant increases in college and adult education enrollment and degree production. But over the next 15 years we will need to double the number of Kentuckians with bachelor's degrees to reach the national average in educational attainment. Kentucky can realize its educational and economic aspirations, but only through decisive action and sustained resources for our postsecondary and adult education systems.

If Kentucky doubles the number of college graduates by 2020, the Commonwealth could expect an additional \$5.3 billion in state revenue and \$71 billion in personal income.

Higher Return Higher Education

There is an inextricable link between a state's level of educational attainment and personal income, economic growth, community and regional prosperity, and an engaged and involved citizenry.

Support for postsecondary and adult education represents a long-term investment in Kentucky's future that yields a high return:

- ❖ Higher paying jobs
- ❖ Stronger tax base and a greater ability to invest for the future
- ❖ Lower unemployment
- ❖ Stronger rates of economic growth
- ❖ Lower crime rates
- ❖ Less reliance on public assistance
- ❖ Improved public health and longer life expectancy
- ❖ Higher voter turnout
- ❖ More volunteerism and increased charitable giving
- ❖ Increased civic participation

